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28 July 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, USIB Steering Group on Monitoring
Strategic Arms Limitations

SUBJECT: Meeting of the SALT Monitoring Working Group,
Thursday, 27 July 1972, 1:30-3:45 p.m.

1. Present at this meeting were all members of the Working Group, the chairmen of COMIREX and GMAIC, a representative of NPIC, and other invited participants.

2. Baseline Report. The Group discussed the draft baseline report on the status of Soviet forces relevant to SALT as of 1 July 1972, which was distributed earlier this week [redacted]. It was agreed that in content and scope, the draft generally meets the requirement. Data need to be added on ICBM and SLBM test and training launchers, and on the estimated power-aperture products of certain ABM-related radars. It was also agreed that in the final version, future estimates which are the proper subject of NIE's should be avoided, but that statements showing the relationship of various Soviet activities to the provisions of the SALT agreements should be included.

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3. Specific suggestions for changes in the language of the draft will be made directly [redacted] by C.O.B. today. Interagency coordination of the draft will be effected via the PQR mechanism on Tuesday, 1 August. A galley-proof of the final version, including graphics, will be submitted to the Steering Group for review and approval.

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4. The Working Group considered a suggestion that the baseline report should have a summary, but decided not to request a summary at this time.

5. Guidance for Photointerpreters. [redacted] draft was reviewed and minor changes were introduced. Final approval was deferred until next week to allow time to coordinate a proposed change in the guidance on SA-5 targets and to check the paper for consistency with certain standing requirements.

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6. Role of GMAIC. Chairman, GMAIC reviewed his committee's role as the community mechanism for coordinating data and estimates on weapon system characteristics and performance. GMAIC stands ready to receive requests from the Working Group. GMAIC plans no extraordinary SALT-related activities at this time, though much of its normal activity is pertinent. Mr. Stoertz reported that Gen. Walters will ask GMAIC, COMIREX, other USIB committees and Steering Group members to keep him informed on SALT-related developments in the USSR, and on US intelligence programs to monitor such developments.

7. The attached draft agenda for the next Steering Group meeting was distributed for comment by Tuesday, 1 August.

8. The next Working Group meeting will be on Thursday, 3 August. At that time, [] will be asked to describe the priority search areas for ABM and Hen House deployment now being used by COMIREX, and [] will be asked to discuss DIA SALT monitoring plans.

Howard Stoertz, Jr. *JS*
Chairman
SALT Monitoring Working Group

Attachment:
Draft Agenda

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SUGGESTED AGENDA

Steering Group Meeting

Thursday or Friday, 10 or 11 August 1972

1. Baseline Report (Gen. Walters)
 - a. Review and approve galley-proof of coordinated draft and graphics.
 - b. Determine modalities of report's issuance.
 - c. Determine distribution of report.
 - d. Decide on target date for first routine monitoring report.
2. Other Activities of Working Group (H. Stoertz)
 - a. Guidance for photointerpreters and interpretability rating scale.
 - b. COMIREX SALT Target Deck.
 - c. Recording of photoexploitation results.
3. Future Work Program
 - a. Proposal for coordinated paper on SALT monitoring tasks. (H. Stoertz)
 - b. Other proposals. (Members)